

September 2006 Litigation Report

To: Mayor McCoy & County Commissioners
Tom Willi, County Administrator

From: Suzanne Hutton, County Attorney

Date: September 15, 2006

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CASES FILED SINCE LAST MONTH'S REPORT

Bankunited v. M. & J. Jordan & Monroe County et al. **CA K 06-862**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 8/22/06**

Mortgage foreclosure action in which County holds inferior liens totaling \$750.00.

Article V **PJM**

Current Status: Answer filed 9/11/06.

Next Activity: Discovery & motions.

Time: 3.1 **Costs:** 0.00

Board of County Commissioners v. Donald Brown **CA K 06 953**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 9/14/06**

Code Enforcement Lien collection action for commercial property on Big Coppitt.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement **PJM**

Current Status: Case filed 9/14/06.

Next Activity: Service of process fee request pending.

Time: 0.6 **Costs:** \$255.00

Ladd, Lucy v. Monroe County **CA K 06-952**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Miller** **Date Filed: 9/12/2006**

Mandamus action on building permit allocation issue.

Growth Management/Planning **JDS**

Current Status: Pending with court.

Next Activity: File response if ordered by court; negotiate settlement.

Time: 0.5 **Costs:** 0.00

CASES CLOSED SINCE LAST MONTH'S REPORT

Ambrose, Thora et al v. Monroe County et al **CA P 97-636**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 12/11/97**

Declaratory Judgment action claiming vested rights due to subdivision plats.

Subsequent appeal of summary judgment order reversed and remanded.

Growth Management/Planning

JDS

Current Status: Voluntarily dismissed by Plaintiff 7/24/06.

Next Activity: Closed.

M&H Billing to date: \$30,960.98. **Costs:** \$2,899.73

CAY Time: 2.5

In re: Birch Telecom, Inc. **05-12237 PJW**

U.S.Bnktcy.Delaware **Judge: Walsh** **Date Filed: 8/12/05**

Bankruptcy action by pay phone vendor which claims it owes County \$4.15.

Administrative Services/Technical Services

RBS

Current Status: Claim deadline passed 11/4/05.

Next Activity: Closed, County's interest \$4.15.

Time: 1.0

Costs: 0.00

Bond, James T. et al v. Monroe County **CA K 06-394**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 4/21/06**

Declaratory Judgment action seeking injunction against enforcement of flood plain regulations on downstairs enclosure that exceeded scope of permit.

Growth Management/Building Dept./Code Enforcement

RBS

Current Status: Settlement approved by court and final judgment entered.

Next Activity: Closed.

Time: 9.2

Costs: 0.00

GAP Properties of SW Florida-I, Inc. v. Monroe County **CAK-04-1321**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 12/10/04**

Cert. review of action involving failure to obtain plat approval of dock subdivision and an improper change of use without a major or minor conditional use permit.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS

Current Status: None pending appeal. See below.

Next Activity: None.

Fees billed to date: \$106,114.89 **Costs:** \$306.43

GAP Properties of SW Florida-I, Inc. v. Monroe County **3D05-2413**
Third DCA **Judges:** **Date Filed: 12/10/04**

Second tier certiorari review of action involving failure to obtain plat approval of dock subdivision and an improper change of use without a major or minor conditional use permit.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS

Current Status: Certiorari denied 4/21/06.

Next Activity: Closed.

Fees billed to date: trial court costs & fees.

Key Tex S. D. Condo Assoc. v. Monroe County & T. McGarry **CAK-04-224**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 3/2/04**

Action to prevent County from denying permits because of ownership conversion to condominiums and compel County to accept permit applications.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS

Current Status: dismissing w/ prejudice 7/26/06, not appealed.

Next Activity: Close file.

Fees billed to date: \$32,290.50 **Costs:** \$2,540.84

Osborn, Jeff v. Monroe County **CAP-04-564**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 11/24/04**
1 of 2 certiorari petitions challenging development approval of Northstar project.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Remanded from Third DCA for clarification, voluntarily dismissed 8/18/2006.

Next Activity: Closed.

Fees billed to date: \$39,348.11 **Costs:** \$261.49

Osborn, Jeff v. Monroe County **3D06-52**
Third DCA **Judges: TBA** **Date Filed: 1/11/06**
Certiorari appeal of CA P 04-564 on Northstar Project. V & B handling. **RBS**
Growth Management/Planning

Current Status: Remanded to Circuit Court..

Next Activity: Closed.

Billing received to date: see billings for CA P 04-564.

Osborn, Jeff v. Monroe County **CAP-04-565**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 11/24/04**
2 of 2 certiorari petitions challenging development approval of Northstar project.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Voluntarily dismissed 8/31/06.

Next Activity: Closed.

Fees billed to date: \$3,920.50 **Costs:** \$146.93

CAY LITIGATION – Trial & Appellate Level
See Outside Counsel Section for Cases being Handled Jointly

Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. v. Olga Ruiz & Monroe County CA K 06-543
Circuit Court 16th Judge: Date Filed: 5/25/06
Mortgage foreclosure action on property County holds \$36k SHIP mortgage on.
Monroe County Housing Authority RBS

Current Status: County's Answer, Cross & Counterclaims filed 6/15/06.

Next Activity: Serve Olga Ruiz; Discovery.

Time: 5.7 **Costs:** 8.68

Aguiar, Alexander & Elizabeth Ginart v. Monroe County CA P 06-189
Circuit Court 16th Judge: Garcia Date Filed: 5/5/06
Appeal from decision of Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
Growth Management/Code Enforcement PJM

Current Status: Appellant's brief over due.

Next Activity: Move to dismiss.

Time: 0.9 **Costs:** 0.00

Beyer, Gordon & Molly v. Marathon v. Monroe County & State CA M 05-313
Circuit Court (16th) Judge: Payne Date Filed: 12/14/05
Third Party claim by Marathon for takings case brought by property owners.
Growth Management/Planning RBS

Current Status: County filed motion to dismiss third party complaint 8/28/06.

Next Activity: If not dismissed by 9/24, move for sanctions.

Time: 6.6 **Costs:** 0.00

Cutaia, Thomas v. Monroe County, MCSO, Pretrial Services CAK-05-617
Circuit Court 16th Judge: Jones Date Filed: 6/21/05
Complaint for unspecified damages. Mayor not served yet.
Constitutional Officer/MCSO RBS

Current Status: Inactive.

Next Activity: None unless & until served.

Time: 0.6 hours **Costs:** 0.00

D.B. Key Largo, LLC v. Monroe County Planning Comm'n **DOAH 06-484**

DOAH **Judge: Johnston** **Date Filed: 2/10/06**

Administrative appeal of planning commission denial of an application for amendment to a major conditional use permit.

Growth Management/Planning

JDS

Current Status: Held in abeyance by agreement of the parties.

Next Activity: Status report due 1/17/07.

Time: 3.3 hours

Costs: 0.00

Dorn, Kenneth & Katie Pearce v. Monroe County **CA P 06-203**

16th Circuit **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 5/15/06**

Quiet title action challenging imposition of conservation easement.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS

Current Status: Exploring settlement options with plaintiffs.

Next Activity: Responsive pleading due 11/6/06.

Time: 5.8

Costs: 0.00

Eads, Barbara v. Monroe County **CAP-03-117**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 2/27/03**

Appeal of order finding the Lowe House to be in unsafe condition.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement

RBS

Current Status: Historic structure being renovated.

Next Activity: None at this time.

Time: 4.8 hours

Costs: 0.00

Evans, Ronald & Maryanna v. Monroe County & K.L.O.R. **CA P 06-206**

16th Circuit **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 05/15/06**

Declaratory Judgment action seeking to enjoin entering into development agreement with Key Largo Ocean Resorts Co-Op, Inc.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS/JDS

Current Status: Held in abeyance pending arbitration.

Next Activity: None.

Time: 14.2

Costs: 0.00

Fuchs, Walburga v. Monroe County **CAK-01-1251**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 10/5/01**

This is a code enforcement appeal of an OSTDS case.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: The Court *sua sponte* scheduled oral argument.

Next Activity: Oral argument 10/30/06.

Time: 11.5 hours **Costs:** 0.00

Good, Lloyd v. Monroe County **CA K 01-977**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 8/9/01**

Inverse condemnation action based on NROGO and declaratory judgment that owner be awarded permits for properties.

Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: County's motion to dismiss granted w/ leave to refile.

Next Activity: Property owner to go through BUD process.

M&H Billing to date: \$18,526.41 as of 10/31/05.

CAY Time: 26.25 **COST:** \$144.45

Graves, Frank III v. Monroe County **CA P 06-154**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 4/7/06**

Code Enforcement appeal

Growth Management/Code Enforcement **PJM**

Current Status: Appellant's brief over due.

Next Activity: Move to dismiss.

Time: 0.5 **Costs:** 0.00

Hardin, Michelle v. Monroe County **CA K 99-1046**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Miller** **Date Filed: 9/3/99**
Appeal of code enforcement decision.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Status review on pending motions.

Next Activity: File County's brief.

M&H Billing to date: \$10,241.57 thru 8/31/05.
CAY Time: 6.5

Johnson, Lloyd v. Marlene Conaway **CA K 02-1248**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 10/30/02**
Writ of Mandamus challenge to boundary determination.
Growth Management/Planning **JDS**

Current Status: Status report from Judge's chambers pending.

Next Activity: If needed, schedule hearing on Motion to Dismiss.

M&H Billing to date: \$2,219.62 through 8/31/05.
CAY Time: 3.4

Kalan, Suzanne v. Monroe County **CA P 03-155**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 3/11/03**
Inverse condemnation action.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Held in abeyance pending BUD hearing.

Next Activity: Finalize motion for substitution of counsel.

M&H Billing to date: \$2,855.77 as of 8/31/05.
CAY Time: 1.0

Lee, Vera Estate of **CP K 02-112**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Taylor** **Date filed: 5/14/02**
County has claim in probate case for an elderly home loan & unpaid taxes.
Housing Authority & Constitutional Officer **RBS**

Current Status: Estate re-opened, CAY appointed PR, property listed.

Next Activity: Sell property to satisfy all liens, complete estate.

Time: 5.4 **Costs:**

McCole, Jeanine v. City of Marathon v. Monroe County & State CA M 05-314
Circuit Court (16th) Judge: Payne Date Filed: 12/14/5

Third Party claim by Marathon for takings case brought by property owners.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS

Current Status: 8/28 County moved to dismiss third party complaint.

Next Activity: If not dismissed by 9/25, move for sanctions.

Time: 7.5

Costs: 0.00

McIntyre, Edward v. Richard Roth & Monroe County **80-1721-CIV-WMH**
US Dist. SDFla. Judge: Hoeveler Date Filed: 7/8/80

Civil Rights action filed in 1980 over old jail facilities. Settled 12/1991.

Constitutional Officer/MCSO

RBS

Current Status: Status report being finalized.

Next Activity: Status conference to be scheduled.

CAY Time: 13.0

Costs: \$86.77 (since March 2005)

Monroe County v. Matthew Bonnett **CAK-05-911**
Circuit Court 16th Judge: TBA Date Filed: 9/9/5

Code enforcement lien collection action authorized 10/17/04, \$78,000.

Growth Management/Code Enforcement

PJM

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Bonnett's discovery responses due 9/1/6.

Time: 6.8 hours

Costs: \$295.00

Monroe County v. Dept. of Community Affairs **06-2856GM**
DOAH Judge: Alexander Date Filed: 7/21/06

Administrative challenge to DCA's rejection of County's ordinance establishing density bonus for affordable housing units measuring no more than 750 sq.ft.

Growth Management/Planning

JDS

Current Status: Being held in abeyance.

Next Activity: Status report due 9/29/06.

Time: 60.25

Costs: 0.00

Monroe County v. Alain Y. Depierrefeu **CAK-03-1504**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 12/18/03**
Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC on 4/18/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Discovery.

V & B Fees billed to date: None **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 6.7

Monroe County v. Alain Y. Depierrefeu **CAK-03-1507**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 12/18/03**
Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC on 4/18/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: same as previous entry.

Next Activity: Same as previous entry.

V&B Fees billed to date: None **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 3.5 hours

Monroe County v. Dorothy Hough, et al **CAP-05-160**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 4/6/05**
Action to collect unpaid code enforcement fine of \$61,850.00.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Settlement agreement drafted, \$15,000.00 being held.

Next Activity: BOCC to consider settlement agreement 9/20/06.

Time: 17.4 hours **Costs:** \$596.00

Monroe County v. James Jeanquenat **CAP-05 317**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 7/18/05**
Collection action authorized by BOCC on 4/21/04. Fine exceeds 136,100.00.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Motion for Dismiss filed.

Next Activity: Motion hearing TBA.

Time: 3.7 hours **Costs:** \$275.00

Monroe County v. Key Largo Ocean Resorts Coop, Inc. **CAP-96-260**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 5/20/96**
Action to foreclose a code enforcement lien.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Development agreement application being reviewed.

Next Activity: Status report due with the Court 10/1/06.

Time: 41.5 hours **Costs:** \$340.00

Monroe County v. Pedro Liz **CAK-05-420**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 4/22/05**
Collection action authorized by BOCC on 7/17/03; fines exceed \$816,300.00.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Guardian appointed, Answer filed.

Next Activity: Discovery and/or settlement discussions.

Time: 10.1 hours **Costs:** \$555.00

Monroe County v. Mary Ellen Lloyd **CAM-03-362**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 12/19/03**
Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC 4/18/03.
The total amount of the lien owed to the County is \$143,500.00.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Settlement agreement drafted.

Next Activity: Waiting for signature from Lloyd on agreement.

V&B Fees billed to date: None **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 6.5 hours

Monroe County v. Arthur Mehr **CAP-05-348**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 8/5/05**
Code fine collection action. Fine exceeds \$42,000.00.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Discovery.

Time: 13.7 hours **Costs:** \$850.00.

Monroe County v. James Messera, et al **CAK-03-1509**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 12/18/03**
Code enforcement foreclosure action authorized by the BOCC 4/18/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Discovery responses due 9/1/6.

V & B Fees billed to date: 67.3 **Costs:** \$1029.03
CAY Time: 3.0

Monroe County v. Outland Properties **CAP-05-400**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 9/9/5**
Collection action authorized by BOCC on 10/17/04. Fine over \$225,000.00.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **PJM**

Current Status: Defendant served.

Next Activity: Discovery due 9/15/6.

Time: 1.6 hours **Costs:** 300.00

Monroe County v. Virginia Sawyer & Tony Welters **CAK-03-1505**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 12/18/03**
Code enforcement foreclosure action that was authorized by the BOCC 7/15/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Next Activity: If unsuccessful, move for summary judgment.

V & B Fees billed to date: None **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 2.0

Monroe County v. Virginia Sawyer **CAK-03-1506**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 12/18/03**
Code enforcement foreclosure action that was authorized by the BOCC 7/15/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Court approved settlement agreement, injunction, lien.

Next Activity: Enforcement if not compliance.

V&B Fees & Costs billed to date: \$11,745.44
CAY Time: 6.7 hours

Monroe County v. Louis Welters **CAK-04-639**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 6/14/04**
Code enforcement foreclosure action that was authorized by the BOCC 7/15/03.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Next Activity: If unsuccessful, move for summary judgment.

V&B Fees billed to date: None **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 2.5

O'Daniel, John & Theresa Hill v. Monroe County **CA P 02-141**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 3/13/02**
Appeal of code enforcement action and vested rights claim.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement/Planning **JDS**

Current Status: Mandate from Third DCA received 1/13/06.

Next Activity: Status inquiry with chambers pending.

M&H Billing to date: \$42,782.73 as of 10/31/05
CAY Time: 2.5

Neumont, Elizabeth et al. v. Monroe County **99-10054-CV**
U.S. Dist. Ct., S.D.Fla. **Judge: Paine** **Date Filed: 5/21/99**
Class action challenging enactment of vacation rental ordinance.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: On appeal to 11th Circuit which certified question to Florida Supreme Court.

Next Activity: None, await ruling.

M&H Billing to date: \$123,563.24.
CAY Time: 0.5

Neumont, Elizabeth et al. v. Monroe County **04-13610-X**
11th Circuit Court of Appeals **Judges: TBA** **Date Filed: 7/15/04**
Appeal of 99-10054-CV above.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Court certified question to Florida Supreme Court.

Next Activity: None in 11th Circuit until certified question answered.

CAY Time: 4.5

Oliveros, Joseph v. Ana M. Velazquez & Monroe County **CA P 06-130**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 3/20/06**
Quiet title action to property conveyed via tax deed.
Constitutional Officer/Clerk/Tax Collector **RBS**

Current Status: County has no interest to defend in case.

Next Activity: None.

Time: 1.8 **Costs:** 0.00

CAY POST JUDGMENT CASES

Evans, Brian v. Monroe County, et al **04-CIV-10033-JLK**
U.S. Dist., S.D. Fla. (Miami) **Judge: King** **Date Filed: 5/6/04**
Money Judgment of \$4,579.00 in favor of County & MCSO for rule 11 sanctions.
Constitutional Officer/MCSO **RBS**

Current Status: \$4,579.00 in fees awarded to County & MCSO.

Next Activity: Collection.

CAY Time: 9.5 hours **Costs:** 0.00

Monroe County v. William L. Davis **CAP-04-181**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 4/15/04**
Money judgment of **\$27,600.00** for unpaid code enforcement fines and costs.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Final judgment of \$28,431.00 recorded w/ Dept. of State.

Next Activity: Collection.

Time: 6.2 hours **Costs:** \$56.00

Monroe County v. Dan Gleason **SCP-03-165**
County Court (Sm. Claims) Judge: Ptomey **Date Filed: 8/5/03**
Money judgment of \$520.00 for unpaid code enforcement fines and costs.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Final judgment recorded w/ Dept. of State.

Next Activity: Collection.

Time: 9.5 hours **Costs:** \$65.92

Monroe County v. Lily Marks **CAK-03-1152**
Circuit Court 16th Judge: Jones **Date Filed: 10/2/03**
Money judgment of \$795,270.00 for unpaid code enforcement fines and costs.
Growth Management/Code Enforcement **RBS**

Current Status: Final judgment entered for \$795,270.00 on 5/9/05.

Next Activity: Collection.

Time: 8.5 hours **Costs:** \$55.00

POTENTIAL CASES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FILED

Ballard, Kandi v. Bergen Trust and Monroe County **TBA**
TBA Judge: TBA Date Filed: TBA
PI case arising from County's of Bergen property for hurricane debris.
Risk Management/Engineering **RBS**

Current Status: Reviewing claim and information provided.

Next Activity: None until/unless suit is filed.

Time: 7.1 **Costs:** \$0.00

Bott, Andrew & Donna v. City of Marathon **CA M 05-267**
Circuit Court (16th) **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 9/30/05**

Declaratory Judgment action challenging validity of affordable housing deed restriction City of Marathon inherited from County at time of incorporation.

Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Appealed to 3rd DCA;

Next Activity: None pending appeal.

Time: 13.5 **Costs:** 0.00

Bott, Andrew & Donna v. City of Marathon **3D06-1261**
Third DCA **Judges: TBA** **Date Filed: 5/24/6**

Appeal of dismissal of CA M 05-267.

Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Reviewing Bott's brief to determine if should file amicus brief.

Next Activity: City's brief due: 9/25/6

Time: 1.0 **Costs:** 0.00

Calusa Campground Condo v. Monroe County, et al., **TBA**
Circuit Court (16th) **Judge:** **Date Filed:**

Threatened action by condominium resulting from statements regarding platting requirements by Growth Management personnel.

Growth Management/Planning **JDS**

Current Status: Investigating claim & preparing response.

Next Activity: Awaiting claimant's filing proper subdivision plat for approval.

Time: 2.5 **Costs:** 0.00

Cormier, Leonard **TBA**
Circuit Court (16th) **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: TBA**

Personal injury claim arising from alleged injuries at East Martello

Risk Management/Public Works **RBS**

Current Status: Assisting Risk with investigation of claim.

Next Activity: Issue letter by 11/22/06.

Time: 0.2 **Costs:** 0.00

Fulton, Charles et al v. Nat'l Gen. Assurance Co., et al. **00-7549-CA-LG**
Circuit Court (20th) **Judge: Steinbeck, M.** **Date Filed: 9/7/00**

Class action suit by health care providers against insurance companies for late payment of PIP benefits w/o interest. EMS has been notified that it is a potential class member and of proposed settlement.

Emergency Services/EMS

RBS

Current Status: Reviewing documents to determine County's interest.

Next Activity: Opt out deadline October 31, 2006.

Time: 0.5 **Costs:** 0.00

Good, Lloyd v. Monroe County **TBA**

Circuit Court (16th) **Judge:** **Date Filed:**

Bert J. Harris Act claim regarding two parcels of property owned by Lloyd Good.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS/JDS

Current Status: Settlement agreement drafted.

Next Activity: Good reviewing draft settlement agreement.

Time: 8.6 hours **Costs:** \$5.56

Hamelton, Charles v. KWRU & Monroe County **CA K 04-740**

Circuit Court (16th) **Judge: Miller** **Date Filed: 7/6/04**

Potential personal injury claim by scooter accident victim and/or utility seeking damages from the County. Handled jointly with Johnson, Anselmo.

Public Works/Roads and Bridges/Risk Management

RBS

Current Status: County depositions concluded; County not a party yet.

Next Activity: Trial 11/6/2006.

Fees Billed to Date: 0.00 **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 14.1

Monroe County v. Estate of Thomas O'Brien **CP K 05-164**

Small Claims Monroe **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed:**

Action against estate to collect unpaid ambulance bill of \$861.81.

Emergency Services/EMS **RBS**

Current Status: Settlement agreement approved by the probate court.

Next Activity: Inventory filed; Awaiting payment.

Time: 3.6 **Costs:** 0.00

State of Florida v. Monroe County **TBA**

TBA **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: n/a**

AG's Medicaid Fraud unit alleges over billings for ambulance services.

Public Safety/Fire Rescue **RBS**

Current Status: Waiting over a year for AG's office to set up conference.

Next Activity: None scheduled.

Time: 9.2 hours **Costs:** 0.00

Stewart, Becky v. Monroe County **TBA**

TBA **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: TBA**

Tort claim arising from accident involving County vehicle in Ocala.

Risk Management **RBS**

Current Status: Negotiations stalled due to offsetting claims.

Next Activity: Defend suit if filed; file suit if appropriate.

Time: 1.4 **Costs:** \$0.00

Watts, Margaret, et al v. Michael Hunter, et al. **37 2006 CA 1823**

Circuit Court (2nd – Leon) **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: 7/20/06**

Class action filed against Florida Medical Examiners' Commission and 17 appointed district medical examiners seeking a refund of cremation fees that were not authorized by statute. Dr. Hunter will be retaining his own counsel.

Engineering **RBS**

Current Status: County not named as a party at this time.

Next Activity: None unless & until County named.

Time: 1.5 **Costs:** \$0.00

CASES BEING LITIGATED BY OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Ferencik, Libanoff, Brandt, Bustamante and Williams, P.A. (Ira Libanoff)

Monroe County v. Bender & Associates, et al **CAK-03-915**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 8/4/03**
Breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation action arising from the
defective windows in the Gato building.
Engineering/Construction Management **RBS**

Current Status: Complaint amended to add additional DF.

Next Activity: Discovery.

Fees billed to date: \$102,658.50 **Costs:** \$12,720.38 (thru 4/20/06)

Monroe County v. Jose Gonzalez **CA K TBA**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: TBA**
Possible breach of contract action against County's former architect.
Engineering/Construction Management **RBS**

Current Status: Discussions with Gonzalez

Next Activity: None pending.

Fees billed to Date: \$11,119.87 **Costs:** \$872.21 (thru 3/10/06)
CAY Time: 12.5

Monroe County v. Lodge Construction, et al **CAK-00-617**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 5/11/00**
Suit against general contractor & its surety for breach of contract.
Engineering/Construction Management **RBS**

Current Status: Motion to set before Senior Judge pending.

Next Activity: Ruling on Senior Judge motion pending & trial date to be set.

Fees billed to date: \$298,595.26 **Costs:** \$71,523.31 (thru 4/20/06).

Tropex Construction Service, Inc. v. Monroe County **CA P 06-44**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 1/30/06**

Breach of contract suit filed by contractor who terminated contract to build
Tavernier Fire Station before commencement of construction.

Engineering/Construction Management

RBS

Current Status: 9/11/06 court granted County's motion to dismiss.

Next Activity: Proceed on County's counterclaim.

Billing Received to date: none.

CAY Time: 1.1 **Costs:** 0.00

Gray Robinson (Ed Scales & Monterery Campbell)

Neumont, Elizabeth v. State & Monroe County **SC 06-1204**

Fla. Supreme Court **Judges: en banc** **Date Filed: 6/14/6**

Certified question from the 11th Circuit to the Florida Supreme Court seeking
guidance on proper interpretation of F.S. 125.66(4), ordinance notice provision.

Growth Management/Planning

RBS

Current Status: County's brief drafted, being edited and revised.

Next Activity: County's brief due 9/28/06.

Billing Received to date:

Time: 9.6 **Costs:** 0.00

Greenberg, Traurig (Dave Jordan)

F.K.C.C. & Last Stand v. D.C.A. & Monroe County **DOAH 06-2449GM**

DOAH **ALJ: Alexander** **Date Filed: 7/7/6**

Administrative challenge to ordinances adopting Tier system.

Growth Management/Planning

JDS/RBS

Current Status: Discovery, trial preparation.

Next Activity: Final hearing to be held 9/28 – 10/3 in Miami.

CAY Time: 35.0 **Costs:** 0.00

Billing received to date:

Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper, & McDuff, P.A.
(Bruce Johnson, Mike Burke, Tammy Scrudgers)

Bauknight, Skaggs & Rockett v. Monroe County **CAP-04-451**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 9/24/04**
Inverse condemnation/takings case filed by Jimmy & Nancy Bauknight, Teague
Skaggs, & Kathleen Rockett for three lots on Big Pine Key. Mayor served 10/4/4.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Third party complaint against State filed 1/11/06.

Next Activity: Discovery.

Fees billed to date: \$832.24 **Costs:** 0.00

Bauknight, Skaggs & Rockett v. Monroe County **04-CV-10105**
U.S. D.C. S.Fla. **Judge: Moore** **Date Filed: 11/1/04**
Inverse condemnation/takings case by owners of 3 Big Pine lots.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: None.

Next Activity: None.

Fees billed to date: None **Costs:** 0.00

Bauknight, et al. v. Monroe County **05-10868-F**
11th Cir. Ct. of Appeals **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: 2/11/05**
Property owners' appeal of denial of attorney's fees against the County
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Mandate issued 6/22/06.

Next Activity: 9/20/06 deadline for filing cert. petition with Supreme Court.

Fees billed to date: None. **Costs:** 0.00

Florida Key Deer v. Michael Brown & Gale Norton **90-10037-CIV-Moore**
U.S. Dist. Ct., SD Fla. Judge: Moore Date Filed: 4/2/90
ESA case that resulted in permanent injunction barring FEMA flood insurance.
Growth Management/Planning RBS

Current Status: Injunction in place. 6/9/6, Federal defendants moved for two month extension to produce revised biological opinion and new RPAs.

Next Activity: On appeal, see 05-16374-II

Billing to Date: none **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 33.8

Paulson, R.D. v. Florida Key Deer, et al **05-16374-II**
11th Circuit Judges: TBA Date Filed: 11/10/05
Appeal of Southern District's injunction in 90-10037-CIV. County appeared as *amicus curiae* because denied intervention. See Case No.: 05-16990-II.
Growth Management/Planning RBS

Current Status: Briefs complete.

Next Activity: Awaiting decision by Court.

Billing to date: none
CAY Time: 0.5 **Costs:** 0.00

Monroe County v. Florida Key Deer, et al **05-16990-II**
11th Circuit Judges: TBA Date Filed: 12/12/05
Appeal of denial of County's motion to intervene in 90-10037-CIV.
Growth Management/Planning RBS

Current Status: Briefs complete.

Next Activity: Await decision by the Court.

Billing to Date: None
CAY Time: 1.0

Florida Key Deer, et al v. Gale Norton (Sec. of Interior) **05-10063-CIV-KING**
U.S.D.C. S.D.Fla. **Judge: King** **Date Filed: 6/15/05**
ESA challenge to F&WS review of construction of park on Big Pine Key.
Engineering/Construction Management **RBS**

Current Status: Dismissed with prejudice by agreement on 2/13/06 because revised biological opinion satisfactory to Plaintiffs.

Next Activity: Resolve any attorneys fees & costs motions.

Fees billed to date: \$612.50 **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 6.5

Hyland, Thomas G. v. D. Kolhage & R. Thurston **04-10102-CIV**
U.S.D.C.SD.Fla. **Judge: Highsmith** **Date Filed: 10/21/04**
Civil Rights action against Deputy Clerk of Court by inmate.
Constitutional Officer/Clerk **RBS**

Current Status: Magistrate recommends dismissal for failure to state a claim.

Next Activity: Court to rule on Magistrate's recommendation.

CAY Time: 9.0
Fees & Costs billed to date: \$33,695.01

Hyland, Thomas G. v. Danny L. Kolhage **06-12733D**
11th Circuit (US) **Judge: TBA** **Date Filed: 5/4/6**
Appeal of dismissal of Clerk from Civil Rights suit for alleged actions of deputy clerk. Johnson, Anselmo is coverage counsel & co-counsel to CAY.
Constitutional Officer/Clerk **RBS**

Current Status: Dismissed by Court.

Next Activity: Close after hearing period expires 9/22/06.

Time: 1.6 **Costs:** 0.00
Billing to Date: none

FKCC & Last Stand v. FL Admin. Comm., Monroe County **DOAH 04-2756**
DOAH **Judge: Carolyn Holifield** **Date Filed: 08/05/04**
Administrative Rule challenge to partnership agreement with State.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Final Order in County's favor issued 6/29/06.

Next Activity: None pending appeal.

Fees billed to date: \$59,464.92 **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 190.1 hours

FKCC & Last Stand v. FL Admin. Comm., Monroe County, et al **3D05-1800**
Third DCA **Judges: TBA** **Date Filed: 7/28/05**
Appeal of ALJ's decision denying rule challenge in DOAH 04-2756.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Briefing complete.

Next Activity: Oral argument 9/20/06.

Fees billed to date: see DOAH case for fees.
CAY Time: 1.0 hours **Costs:** 0.00

Hardee, Evelyn v. Monroe County **CAP-05-255**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 6/3/05**
Tort action arising from alleged fall at PK Court house. Settled for \$25,000.00.
Risk Management/Public Works **RBS**

Current Status: Dismissed 6/7/06. Re-opened 8/2/6

Next Activity: Hearing set for 10/5/2006.

Fees billed to date: \$28,053.11 (thru 6/16/06).
CAY Time: 10.3 hours

Kessler, Stuart v. Monroe County & Tom Willi **CA K 05-1006**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 10/11/2005**
Whistle-Blower & Civil Rights claim by former employee.
Human Resources/Risk Management **RBS**

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Discovery.

Fees & Costs billed to date: \$17,7776.92 (thru 2/1/06)
CAY Time: 40.8

Neuman, Kenneth v. Monroe County **CAK-04-663**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 6/21/04**
Action for damages and to compel County to issue building permits.
Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Case stayed for 45 days negotiating settlement.

Fees billed to date: \$2,326.92 **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 5.8 hours

Riverview Consultants, Inc. v. Monroe County **CAK-05-373**
Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Jones** **Date Filed: 4/13/05**
Case alleging tortious interference with contract by airport DBE subcontractor.
Risk Management/Airports/MCSO **PJM**

Current Status: County's summary judgment motion heard 9/7/6.

Next Activity: Await ruling on County's motion for summary judgment.

Fees billed to date: \$743.86 **Costs:** 0.00
CAY Time: 13.9 hours

Paul, Hastings (Bob Freilich & Derek Howard)

Collins, Thomas, et al v. Monroe County **CAM-04-379**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 11/22/04**

Takings action brought by 11 groups of plaintiffs.

Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: Discovery.

Next Activity: Case management conference set 9/26/06.

Total Fees billed to date: \$904,043.84 (thru 8/9/06)

CAY Time: 158.8 hours **Costs:** \$90,302.13

Emmert, Helen & Greg v. Monroe County **CA P 02-520**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Garcia** **Date Filed: 10/2/02**

Inverse condemnation and vested rights action.

Growth Management/Planning **RBS/JDS**

Current Status: Motion for summary judgment filed.

Next Activity: Hearing 10/12/06.

P, H Billing to date: None

M&H Billing to date: \$94,550.56 as of 10/31/05

CAY Time: 15.5

Galleon Bay v. Monroe County v. State of Florida **CA K 02-595**

Circuit Court 16th **Judge: Payne** **Date Filed: 5/21/02**

Inverse condemnation and vested rights action.

Growth Management/Planning **RBS**

Current Status: 9/12/06 Judge Payne ordered new trial.

Next Activity: Status hearing 9/25/06.

M & H Billing to date: \$54,322.5 thru 1/25/06.

Paul, Hastings Billing: \$245,016.00 **Costs:** \$3,742.59

CAY TIME: 56.5

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